

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 23-27, 2024

as

CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

WHEREAS, across Michigan, clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before; and,

WHEREAS, clean energy is part of America's energy future and includes generation from renewable sources, such as wind, solar, and geothermal, as well as energy storage; and,

WHEREAS, in 2022, renewable resources provided more than 12% of Michigan's electricity net generation; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan has taken big steps to become a leader in the future of clean energy. Last year, I signed a game-changing package of clean energy legislation that enacted a 100% clean energy standard by 2040 and efficiency upgrades to lower costs; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan has almost 1.1 trillion cubic feet of underground natural gas storage capacity, more than any other state and nearly one-eighth of the nation's total; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to the Ludington Pumped Storage Facility, one of the largest pumped storage hydroelectric power plants in the world, with more than 2,000 megawatts of capacity; and,

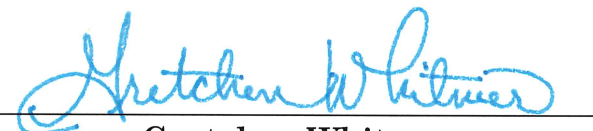
WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in Michigan in recent years, with over 119,600 people employed in the clean energy and energy efficiency sector in 2023; and,

WHEREAS, clean energy jobs are inherently local and contribute to the growth of local economies, and these jobs cannot be outsourced due to the on-site nature of construction, installation, and maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, as our country celebrates National Clean Energy Week, I encourage individuals and organizations in Michigan to support solutions that address America's economic and energy needs in the 21st century, and also encourage municipalities and individuals to implement the cleanest, lowest-emitting energy technologies available; and,

WHEREAS, we must harness the power of Michigan entrepreneurs and small businesses and ensure government collaboration to assert American energy leadership and dominance in the global marketplace and assure low-cost reliable energy here at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 23-27, 2024, as Clean Energy Week in Michigan.



Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

